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# IRIS LIST

## and digging time prices on special bulbs

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING

California orders must add 3% Sales Tax.

Remit with order by M.O., check or currency. We do not guarantee safety of currency or coins in the mail. Prepay your postage on letter and don't forget a 50c piece takes 6c postage. We don't like to accept stamps but reluctantly do so if 6% extra are sent. If order is wanted C.O.D. send at least 25% in advance.

We prepay postage on orders of \$1.00 and up. Under \$1.00 send 5c extra for 1 to 3 bulbs; 10c extra for over 3.

### IRIS CULTURE

Every garden should have a place for Iris. If the untidy appearance of some varieties in late summer annoys you, then plant them at the back or in a remote corner. Their exquisite beauty and gorgeous colors when in bloom will signal for attention and your visitors will all find them.

The dictionary has not yet been written that will supply words to do justice to the beauty of modern forms of Iris. In the section of Bearded Iris there are many types a few of which are referred to. A *Plicata* is one having a ground color of white or a light tint, with deeper colors flushing, bordering or drawn on in dots or lines. A *Bicolor* has standards, or upright petals, of a lighter tone than that of the falls, or drooping petals. The *Variegatas* have standards (S) in a yellow tone, and falls (F) in a great variety of reds or maroons.

Blends have several colors beautifully blended.

Plant rhizomes one inch deep. Water sparingly until growth begins, then freely. Vigorous growth produces more flowers in season. Most Iris prefer full sun. Any soil is good but heavy soil is best. Use no fertilizers, especially barnyard manures which are often fatal. But light applications of wood ashes and lime are good. Plant any time of year but the best time is soon after flowering—June, July and August planting gives flowers the following spring.

Non-blooming of Iris is often caused by not allowing the plants to rest in the fall. Keep them growing vigorously through summer as long as they will. Then withhold water and let them bake. Result: plenty flowers next spring. Possibly cause, may be too thick. Remedy, subdivide like a California city.

Time of Delivery. Bearded Iris are sent any time of year. The best time to plant is soon after flowering; Dutch Iris as soon as dug or about June to July and later; Louisiana and other beardless species and varieties should be ordered now. They will be sent when dormant in the fall or now if requested. They can be moved now with great care and it is better to call for them here if wanted now.

We undertake no responsibility for result in transplanting during growth. If shaded and watered freely it is not too difficult and time can be gained. State time preferred when ordering.

### SPECIAL OFFERS

Ten excellent varieties including Cecil Houdyshel, Eleanor Brooks, Bobby Houdyshel, Magnifica, Mother of Pearl and 5 others of our selection for \$1.00.

Twenty varieties of good Iris including Magnifica, Isolene, Mother of Pearl, and 17 more of our selection for \$1.00.

Any variety named in above collections may be omitted but the substitute must be left to us. Other than this the customer may not specify. If you wish to avoid duplicating the varieties you have, buy from the list.

The two collections with no duplicates, 30 sorts for \$2.00.

Seedling Iris Offer. We have a lot of seedlings, including many *plicatas*, that are not intended for introduction. They are mostly of delicate beauty. Many pinks, some reds, no purples. Some are dwarf, some medium. Some are out-of-season or fall bloomers.

None are of the huge, tall, branching type. They are entirely different from the old type of "flags." They may lack the perfection of form and the large size that has been developed by other breeders but this development we think, did have to sacrifice something of the delicate beauty, the rich pastel tones of these.

Most of these will be suitable to your rock garden, borders or elsewhere. They are unnamed, no labels, as many varieties as possible but there may be duplicates.

Thirty-five roots, post paid \$1.00.

\$2.50 per 100 prepaid. By express, not prepaid, 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.85; 1000 for \$15. A thousand will plant a bed, if set close, 25x40 feet, that will be a riot of gay but delicate colors in the spring and some flowers again in the fall.

Assorted Iris Collection. We have several "lost label" Iris. They are mostly older types. Many of the lavender and blues. Some very good ones in every lot. Mostly tall, large flowers. Many duplicates. Price, 50 for \$1.00 by express, charges collect, but not C.O.D. Per 100, \$1.50. Per 1000, \$12.00.

Fall Bloomers. Many of our seedlings bloom out of season, especially in fall. Some have been segregated. Mostly dwarf, and delicate colors but no purples, lavender or violet ones. These are not tagged so you may get duplicates but we try to avoid it. We don't know what they will do in other climates. Seven for \$1.00.

Named Fall Bloomers. Our varieties Golden Cataract and Everblooming *Plicata* are, we think, the nearest everblooming Iris so far



produced. Here they show at least a few flowers for at least half the months in the year. These with Eleanor Roosevelt and one unnamed seedling make a nice collection of Everblooming Iris. Four varieties for \$2.00.

### LIST OF BEARDED IRIS

**A. E. Kunderd.** S. yellow bronze; F. magenta red. 5c.  
**Alta California.** 48". Deep yellow, perfect in form. 40c.  
**Amas.** Hyssop violet and petunia violet. 5c.  
**Ambassadeur.** 42". S. red violet; F. purple maroon. Late. 15c.  
**Aphrodite.** Famous pink. 25c.  
**Arcadia Blue.** Pale blue. Very early. Also fall bloomer. 20c.  
**Arnols.** S. rose bronze; F. maroon, 5c.  
**Atroviolacea.** Very early dark violet. 5c.  
**Aunt Rachel.** S. light violet; F. pansy violet, edged white. 5c.  
**Aurea.** A dwarf with vivid yellow flowers. F. marked maroon. Name doubtful. 10c.  
**Ballerine.** 48". Large, fragrant, wisteria blue Extra fine. 10c.  
**Barrelane.** Blue lavender. F. tinted red violet. 5c.  
**Beau Sabreur.** Rich red and yellow blend. 25c.  
**Berchta.** Early light yellow. 5c.  
**Blue Beard.** Better, deeper blue than parent, Crimson King. Off season bloomer. 25c.  
**Bluet.** A true blue. 5c.  
**Blue Velvet.** 46". Intense, deep velvet blue. 35c.  
**Bobby Houdyshel.** Dwarf plicata. Ground color white, heavily flushed, stippled and feathered phlox pink. Beautiful as an orchid. 10c. 80c per dozen; \$5 per 100.  
**Beuchley's Giant.** Perfectly formed, massive blue flowers; very tall. 40c.  
**California Blue.** 60". Rich blue violet with glowing orange beard. Long blooming season. Deliciously fragrant. 25c.  
**California Gold.** Tall. The deepest large yellow and the best. \$1.00.  
**Cameliard.** 48". Lovely 7-inch flowers, yellow and wine blend. 15c.  
**Candelabre.** S. White, tinted violet; F. violet brown. 5c.  
**Canyon Mists.** 40". Pink mauve self colored. Beautiful. 20c.  
**Caprice.** Red lilac. 5c.  
**Caterina.** Tall, large lavender blue. 10c.  
**Cecil Houdyshel.** Tall plicata. Ground color white heavily flushed and feathered lavender. Hardy everywhere. 25c.  
**Cherubim.** Hortense violet. 5c.  
**Cinnabar.** Rich velvety deep red violet. 30c.  
**Claridad.** 30". Purest blue iris. 20c.  
**Coronation.** 36". Fine, large, deep golden yellow. 25c.  
**Cucamonga.** Tall velvety blue-violet. Combines best qualities of Dominion and Mesopotamica. 40c.  
**Darius.** S. canary yellow; F. lilac with white margin. 5c.  
**Delight.** Tall, pink and white plicata. 15c.  
**Depute Nomblot.** 52". Considered the most perfect iris. S. copper red; F. claret crimson. Gigantic. Dyke's medal. 35c.  
**Dolly Madison.** 36". Large flowers blended mauve and yellow. 15c.

**Don Quixote.** 42". Large, blended violet and brown. 15c.  
**Dr. C. E. Fortin.** Red toned flowers. 5c.  
**Druid.** 36". Red maroon and brown. 35c.  
**El Capitan.** 40". Manganese violet. Largest and finest. 25c.  
**Eleanor Brooks.** Phlox pink and yellow plicata. Small lovely iris. 25c.  
**Eleanor Roosevelt.** Dark purple. Free fall bloomer. 20c.  
**Everblooming Plicata.** Our seedling not yet named but offered for trial. Please report on it. Standards heavily flushed Saccardo's Violet. Falls, white bordered and veined in throat with violet. Plicata type. Not a large flower. Stems 15" to 20". Pretty. Nearly always in bloom. \$1.25.  
**Fairy.** Lovely white and blue blend. Honey locust fragrance. 10c.  
**Flambeau.** Free bloomer. Tall pale yellow. Throat reticulated cinnamon. 15c.  
**Franchville.** 54". S. fawn, tinted lilac; F. red purple edged heliotrope. 25c.  
**Frieda Mohr.** 42". Fragrant deep pink. 7-in. flower. One of best. 25c.  
**Gaviota.** Fine cream white, edged yellow. 15c.  
**Geo. Yeld.** 40". S. apricot flushed rose; F. crimson edged buff. 25c.  
**Glorie de Hillegom.** Early, light violet. 5c.  
**Glowing Embers.** 42". Rich bronze bicolor. 25c.  
**Golden Cataract.** A pure deep golden yellow. Here it blooms the year around except when very hot in mid-summer or when winter is very cold. No other Iris except our Everblooming Plicata approaches it in profusion of flowers. 75c each. Three for \$1.75. Per dozen, \$6.50; 50 for \$22.00; 100 for \$40.  
**Grevin.** S. violet tipped yellow brown; F. violet purple. 10c.  
**Halo.** Lavender blue and violet. 15c.  
**Hidalgo.** Light blue. Fine form. 10c.  
**Hudson's Choice.** S. tan; F. red-maroon. Variegata. 5c.  
**Ingeborg.** Fine early white, veined gold. 5c.  
**Iris King.** Lovely old variegata. S. deep yellow; F. maroon, bordered yellow. 15c.  
**Isolene.** Lovely, lilac pink and old rose. Likes partial shade. 5c.  
**Jacquisia.** S. bronze red lilac; F. purple red. 5c.  
**Jean Cayeaux.** Gorgeous Havanna brown. 40c.  
**Jean D'Arc.** White and lavender plicata. 10c.  
**Juniata.** Tall blue violet. 5c.  
**Kashmiriana.** White, washed lavender. 5c.  
**King Juba.** Tall. Golden standards and contrasting velvety red falls. 35c.  
**Kochii.** Dark, almost black, violet. 5c.  
**Lady Foster.** Beautiful large lavender. 5c.  
**Lohengrin.** Orchid rose. 10c.  
**Lord of June.** Large lavender blue. 15c.  
**Loreley.** S. yellow; F. raisin purple bordered yellow. 10c.  
**Los Angeles.** Tall, large plicata. Snow white edged blue. 25c.  
**Loudoun.** 30". Yellow, lined and dotted with chestnut. 25c.  
**Luis Bel.** Pansy violet and violet purple. 25c.  
**Magnifica.** 42". Large crimson toned flower. Most popular. 10c.



Mary Barnett. 42". One of the best light blues. 25c.  
 Mary Gibson. 42". Early. Rosy bronze blended yellow. 25c.  
 Melchior. 36". S. bronze violet; F. velvety crimson violet. 6-inch flower. 25c.  
 Mercedes. Pink plicata. 5c.  
 Merlin. Violet pink. 5c.  
 Messaline. 38". Very large. Red brown and red violet blend. 20c.  
 Mirasol. 30". Bright deep chrome yellow. Fine form. 35c.  
 Mme. Cheri. Large pink and violet blend. 15c.  
 Moneta. Tall, red purple and violet bicolor. Off season bloomer. 40c.  
 Mons Hubert. S. violet, bronze throat; F. lobelia, maroon veins on amber throat. 5c.  
 Mother of Pearl. 44". Mother of Pearl color overlaid with gold. Fine. 10c.  
 Mrs. H. Darwin. Plicata, white. Falls marked violet. 5c.  
 Mrs. Rapp. Violet lavender. 5c.  
 Navajo. S. yellow; F. maroon red. 10c.  
 Neptune. S. pale blue; F. purple blue. Fine 5c.  
 Ningal. Blend of pastel tones, rose, buff, lilac. 30c.  
 Numa Roumestan. 36". Intensely red. Frilled petals. 30c.  
 Opera. S. pansy violet; F. violet purple. 10c.  
 Pacific. 36". Gigantic deep blue. A magnificent early iris. 40c.  
 Pale Moonlight. Very pale blue. 75c.  
 Parc de Neuilly. Late plum purple. 5c.  
 Persia. 36". Very large, refined, bluish lavender and steel blue. 30c.  
 Pres. Pilkington. 40". S. vinaceous buff over old gold; F. soft violet edged silvery brown. 25c.  
 Prospero. S. lavender; F. red purple. 10c.  
 Purissima. 44". The most perfect white. Gigantic flowers. 25c.  
 Queen Caterina. 38". Extra fine, fragrant bright lavender. 10c.  
 Queen of May. Earliest pink. 15c.  
 Querida. 42". Blended pastel tints, mauve to white. Fragrant. 20c.  
 Raffet. Late, very dark blue. 5c.  
 Rangoon. Large late violet. 5c.  
 Rhein Nixe. S. white; F. violet blue, white border. 10c.  
 Rialgar. 22". Deep buttercup yellow and bronze. Very showy. 20c.  
 Ring Dove. Lavender violet. 5c.  
 Romola. 38". S. lilac; F. rich velvety red violet. 10c.  
 Rosultra. 40". Early, bright rose. Fine garden effect. 30c.  
 Sandakan. Tan and purple bicolor. 20c.  
 San Francisco. 44". Finest, largest plicata lavender blue on white. Dykes medal. 25c.  
 San Gabriel. 60". Pink lavender. Extra fine. Too early for east. 25c.  
 San Luis Rey. 38". Large red purple. 25c.  
 Santa Barbara. 40". Finest lavender blue. Very large, perfect form. 15c.  
 Seedling A-1. Fine lavender bicolor. Not distinct enough to name. Too good to throw away. 10c.  
 Sequoiah. 36". Reddish bicolor. F. margined lighter. 20c.

Shasta. 40". Gigantic snow white. Perfect form. Early. 20c.  
 Sherbert. Old Gold and brown. 15c.  
 Sierra Blue. 50". Clear soft blue. Enormous flowers on well branched stems. Perfection. Dykes medal winner. 60c.  
 Sindjka. Dull lavender and olive blended. Unusual and fine. 5c.  
 Sir Michael. 48". S. clear lavender blue; F. red purple suffused copper brown. One of the world's best iris. 30c.  
 Snow Cup. Extremely early white, late winter here. 10c.  
 Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau. 36". Dark velvety blue purple. Fine form, early and fragrant, 15c.  
 Sunset Gold. Medium size, yellow. F. reticulated violet. Fall bloomer 15c.  
 Tenava. Dark red-purple. Very outstanding. 50c.  
 Titan. S. violet blue; F. violet purple. Large 5c.  
 Ute Chief. S. blue violet; F. royal purple. Red toned. 5c.  
 Valencia. 24". Russet color of a valencia orange. Ruffled. 25c.  
 Walhalla. S. light blue; F. violet. A fine large iris. 5c.

#### BEARDLESS IRIS

~~Dutch Iris. The best bulbous iris, and flowers are best for cutting. Plant August to November. Digging Time Special. Our regu-price is 40 for \$1.00. At digging time we need money and offer them at a special bargain price. The varieties are mixed but do not guarantee any special colors. Probably mostly blue tones. Sizes assorted from small blooming size to medium large. Plant early for sure bloom. Price 60 for \$1.00. \$1.50 per 100. \$12.50 per 1000. All medium to large sizes. 30 for \$1.00. \$2.50 per 100. \$20 per 1000. Prices good until August 15, 1940 only.~~

Louisiana Iris. These do well in California and other mild climates. Up to 4 feet tall. Flowers are most beautiful and in many colors. Culture easy. Moist semi-shade preferred but do well in full sun. Mixed varieties. 35c each. 25 for \$5.00. Moricolor. Red purple, 50c; Blue, 75c; Zama, Raisin purple, 50c.

Other Southern Species. Albo-Spiritus, large white, 50c. Rivularis, purple, 25c. Savannarum, lavender blue, 50c. These are all large and tall. Tripetala, a small plant with unusual three-petaled flowers, deep blue and very pretty. Booms very late. Rare. \$1.00.

Pacific Coast Iris. Two very fine species that do well in full shade. Douglasiana. 2 foot lovely blue flowers. 50c. Watsoniana, three feet. Deep royal purple. 50c.

Spuria group. 4 to 5 feet. Prefer part shade and plenty water but do well in full sun and ordinary garden conditions. Aurea, pure, deep yellow. 25c. Aurea Hybrids, Alice Eastwood. Deeper yellow, very rich. 60c. Golden State. Same color, larger flowers with ruffled petals. 75c. The last two may not be correctly identified but descriptions



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# IRIS PRICE LIST



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right. Ochroleuca. White, with deep golden yellow throat. 20c.

Miscellaneous species. Ensata, lovely small lavender from China. 35c. Styosa. The winter blooming Iris. Lavender. Prefers part shade. 15c. Per dozen, 75c; per 100, \$5.00.

## DIGGING TIME SPECIALS

Summer time is growing time for us. The time when expenses are greatest and we sell the least. It is a good time to buy bulbs cheap. We can give more and larger sizes for your money. See culture directions in fall catalog which you will get in late August. The following prices are good only until August 15, positively.

Arum family. Arum italicum, 10c and 15c.

Dracunculus vulgaris, 25c and 50c each.

Dutch Iris. See Iris list.

Freesias. We grow quantities of the best. Special. Colored Freesias, mixed, 100 for \$1.00 per 1000, \$7.50; White Freesias, 150 for \$1. per 1000, \$5.00. These prices are lower than some wholesale prices. The bulbs are not the tiny imperfect bulbs sometimes offered at bargain prices, but are plump, good medium to large bulbs of best quality.

Ixias. 25c per dozen; \$1.50 per 100; \$12.50 per 1000. (Less than wholesale.)

Sparaxis. 30c per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

Habranthus miniatus, (amaryllis.) Ox-blood red. Plant at once, blooms in September. 20c. Six for \$1.00. Per dozen \$1.75; per 100, \$12.00.

Leucojum vernum. Spring Snow Flakes. 45c dozen; 30 for \$1.00; per 100, \$2.25; per 1000, \$20.00.

Roman Hyacinths. Blue. Small but good bloomers. 35 for \$1.00; per 100, \$2.50.

Anemones. No. 3 size. This is the usual planting size. Per 100, 75c; large bulbs, as-

sorted Jumbo and No. 1 sizes, per dozen, 40c; per 100, \$2.75; per 1000, \$25. The small bulbs can be planted now in cool climates, but not in Southern California, etc. The large bulbs are late dug and must be rested until fall.

Oxalis. Grand Dutchess. Mixed colors and O. Cernua or Bermuda Buttercup. Golden yellow. Six for 10c. 50 for 60c. Per 100, \$1.00. Plant in fall.

Gladiolus Bulbs. Clean-up prices. We have more glad bulbs on hand than we have room to plant. We would be glad to let them go at approximate cost of production added to cost of transportation and expense of packing.

Planted at this late time they will come into flower more quickly than those planted early. There is the danger of thrips but all bulbs are treated—no thrips on the bulbs to start them. If you will water by overhead—any kind of sprinkler, 30 minutes every evening, you can have good flowers, undamaged by thrips even in July and August. In interior valleys give even more water. Keep them wet, wash thrips away by sprinkling.

Assorted Varieties, all good ones. Sizes ½" to 1" or over but small and medium predominating (and the small ones will bloom well)—150 for \$1.00. Larger sizes around 1"—100 for \$1.00. Postpaid. This glad offer expires June 30, 1940.

Please Note—Prices in this list cancel all previous quotations, written or oral. The Iris prices are good until new Iris Price List is issued in 1941 except on Dutch Iris. The prices on Dutch Iris and Digging Time Special items will be cancelled August 15. Orders reaching us after these dates will be filled at the new prices without other explanation.

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